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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON AEGEAN DISPUTE:

DRAFT RESOLUTION

1. BRITISH MISSION OFFICER INFORMED US THAT BRITISH, FRENCH AND ITALIAN DELEGATIONS MET AUGUST 12 PRIOR TO SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE DRAFT RESOLUTION. BELOW DRAFT TEXT (PARA 3) WAS PRESENTED BY FRENCH AND IT WAS AGREED THAT DELEGATIONS WOULD REFER DRAFT BACK TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN OFFICES FOR REVIEW AND GUIDANCE. FRENCH DELEGATION SUGGESTED THAT SINCE DRAFT WAS STILL IN PRELIMINARY FORM IT SHOULD NOT BE SHOWN TO OTHER DELEGATIONS NOR SHOULD OTHER DELEGATIONS BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING SESSION. GREEKS ASKED IF THEY COULD HAVE COPY OF TEXT AND ACCORDING TO THEM WERE DENIED. BRITISH MADE AVAILABLE TO US FREE TRANSLATION OF FRENCH TEXT WITH UNDERSTANDING WE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THAT WE HAD COPY TO ITALIANS AND FRENCH. BRITISH MISOFF ADDED THAT THREE DELEGATIONS DECIDED AT FRENCH SUGGESTION THAT US WOULD BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN NEXT STAGE OF DRAFTING AFTER FOREIGN OFFICE REACTIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

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2. BRITISH MISSION ALSO INFORMED US THAT GREEK

AMBASSADOR CARAYANNIS, WHO IS HERE ACCOMPANYING FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, CALLED ON BRITISH DEPUTY PERMREP MURRAY AUGUST 12. CARAYANNIS REMARKED THAT HE RECOGNIZED THAT SC COULD NOT AS PRACTICAL MANNER INSTRUCT THE SISMIK TO CEASE ITS ACTIVITIES. HE CONTINUED BY NOTING THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL SIMPLY WOULD NOT BE DISPOSED TO SO ACT, AND FURTHERMORE IT WOULD BE REGARDED BY TURKS AS PROVOCATIVE ACTION. CARAYANNIS ACCEPTED, ACCORDING TO BRITISH MISOFF, THAT COUNCIL'S CALLING FOR BOTH SIDES TO REFRAIN FROM PROVOCATIVE ACTS WAS MORE REALISTIC EXPECTATION. BRITISH TOLD US MURRAY LATER MET WITH FM BITSIOS WHO ADOPTED MAXIMUM HARD LINE. BITSIOS STATED GREEKS CAN'T MAKE CONCESSIONS ON HER RIGHTS, CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO RESUME DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WHILE TURKISH VIOLATIONS CONTINUE, AND CAN ONLY REGARD SISMIK ACTIVITIES AS PREJUDICIAL TO DELIMITATION OF THE AEGEAN SHELF.

3. TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL

--TAKING NOTE OF LETTER OF GREEK PERM REP TO SECRETARY GENERAL, HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER ACTIONS IN RELATION TO THE AEGEAN SEA WHICH HAVE GIVEN RISE TO TENSION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY,

-- HAVING AT ITS CORE THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF THE UN CHARTER CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES BY PEACEFUL MEANS IN SUCH A MANNER THAT NEITHER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY NOR JUSTICE ARE ENDANGERED,

-- NOTING THE USEFULNESS OF DIRECT DISCUSSION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY PERMITTING THE DETERMINATION OF POINTS WHICH SHOULD BE THE OBJECT OF SOLUTIONS BY THE MOST APPROPRIATE JURIDICAL MEANS INCLUDING THEIR EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COURT
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OF JUSTICE,

-- RECALLING EQUALLY THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER VI OF THE CHARTER, IN PARTICULAR ARTICLE 36, AND NOTING IN THIS REGARD THAT IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF 31 MAY 1975 GREECE AND TURKEY AGREED TO SUBMIT JOINTLY THE QUESTION OF DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE AEGEAN SEA TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF

JUSTICE,

-- CONSCIOUS OF THE NECESSITY FOR PARTIES TO A
DISPUTE OF A SORT WHICH ENDANGERS INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY AND TO AVOID ALL INCIDENTS WHICH MIGHT
AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION AND FURTHERMORE TO EXERT
THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT,

1. INVITES EXPRESSLY THE GREEK AND TURKISH
GOVERNMENTS TO RENOUNCE ALL UNILATERAL ACTIONS WHICH
COULD ONLY INCREASE THE PRESENT TENSIONS OR WHICH
TEND TO PREJUDGE THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES, WHICH
WOULD MAKE FURTHER DIFFICULTIES FOR THE RESOLUTION
OF THE DIFFERENCES THAT CONFRONT THEM.

2. CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO
RESUME THEIR NEGOTIATIONS AND INVITES THEM TO DO
EVERYTHING TO ENSURE THAT THEY RESOLVE THEIR DIFFER-
ENCES IN MUTUALLY-ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS.

3. RECALLS THAT IN GENERAL FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES
SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL
COURT OF JUSTICE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
THE STATUTE OF THE COURT. END TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION.
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